

EAST OF EDEN OBJECTIVES

AP 12 English Language and Composition

1. Students will learn to understand the overall theme of the novel – a belief in a human beings capacity to distinguish right from wrong and the ability to change.
2. Students will refine their critical thinking skills as they draw comparisons, predict outcomes, examine character motivations, make classifications, and react to criticism of the novel.
3. Students will be involved in numerous small-group interactions which will provide opportunities for students to share their views and conclusions on open-ended topics.
4. Students will be presented with a variety of activities to help develop their critical thinking skills and analytical skills.
5. Students will analyze quotations and readings from other authors whose works deal with the struggle between good and evil.
6. Students will consider parallels between East of Eden and other works, both fiction and nonfiction, classic and contemporary.
7. Students will delineate the personality traits and flaws of one who ultimately succumbs to the lust for power.